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1. ENVIRONMENTAL ENTANGLEMENTS HAVE SET BACK TIMETABLE REPORTED IN REFERENCE (C). DIRECTOR OF PLANNING DIVISION FOR NEW AIRPORT, AND OTHER AUTHORITIES INVOLVED, HAVE SEEN REPEATED FRUSTRATION OF PLANS BY SOME 21,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COME FORWARD DURING CURRENT PUBLIC HEARING AND INQUIRY PHASE OF PLANNING PROCESS. LAW REQUIRES THAT COMPLAINTS/SUGGESTIONS OF PUBLIC BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES. HEARINGS FOR GROUPS OF 100-150 HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME, AND AROUND 9,000 CITIZENS HAVE REGISTERED VIEWS SO FAR. THE KICKER IS THAT, WHENEVER THEIR VIEWS RESULT IN MODIFICATIONS TO THE BASIC AIRPORT PLAN FOR LAND USE OR SPACE/FUNCTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, THE THEN-MODIFIED PLAN MUST AGAIN BECOME THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, ETC.

2. ACCORDING TO PLANNING DIVISION DIRECTOR STEFFEN, CURRENT STATUS OF DEVELOPMENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. SITE WAS CERTIFIED AS MEETING FRG AIR LAW REQUIREMENTS IN 1974.

B. LAND ACQUISITION IS 75 PERCENT COMPLETE. AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ARE NEGOTIATING PATIENTLY FOR REMAINDER AND HOPE TO ACQUIRE SAME AT LATEST BY 1978 WITHOUT RESORT TO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

C. ON THE LEGAL SIDE, THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES NOW HOPE WIND UP PUBLIC HEARINGS PHASE SOMETIME IN 1978, FOLLOWING WHICH CUT-OFF THEY FULLY EXPECT A CHALLENGE IN THE COURTS WHICH SHOULD LAST AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. THUS, THE LEGAL TIMETABLE SHOULD ALLOW CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN LATE 1979 OR 1980.

D. CONSTRUCTION HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO LINK THE AUTOBAHN SYSTEM WITH THE NEW AIRPORT AND ON THE FAST COMMUTER TRAIN (S-BAHN) LINK WITH THE MAIN MUNICH TERMINAL.

E. THREE TECHNICAL STUDIES ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY AY 1977. THESE ARE (1) THE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM STUDY, BEING DONE BY A FRANKFURT CONSULTING ENGINEER NAMED MARX, WHO IS WORKING WITH A US ENGINEER NAMED LISSNER; (2) AN INFORMATION SYSTEMS STUDY BY DIEBOLD DEUTSCHLAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH LUFTHANSA; AND (3) A PEOPLE MOVER SYSTEM STUDY, WHICH IS BEING DONE "IN HOUSE" BY THE AIRPORT PLANNING AUTHORITIES. IN ALL OF THESE STUDIES, NO PARTICULAR SYSTEM OR CONCEPT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED OUT OF HAND, ACCORDING TO STEFFEN.

F. THE FUNCTIONAL RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE PLANNING, WHICH SHOULD TAKE 14 MONTHS AND BE COMPLETED ABOUT JULY 1978. THE FUNCTIONAL DESIGN WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH SHOULD GIVE ITS CLEARANCE TO PROCEED BY THE END OF 1978. THE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS PHASE WILL TAKE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS TO BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVE FINAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

G. AT THIS POINT, I.E. AROUND JUNE 1979, BIDS WILL BE LET FOR
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CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT AND BUILDINGS PLUS SYSTEMS MENTIONED
PARA. E. ABOVE.

H. SHOULD BOTH THESE LEGAL AND DESIGN TIMETABLES BE MET, ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN IN LATE 1979 OR EARLY 1980 WITH COMPLETION IN FIVE YEARS. (NOTE: STEFFEN STATED THAT, EVEN THOUGH CONSIDERABLE SLIPPAGE HAS OCCURRED IN THEIR SCHEDULE, AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ARE STILL STATING PUBLICLY THAT THEY EXPECT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN 1978. STEFFEN ASKED THAT WE NOT PUBLICIZE THIS POINT.).

3. WE WILL CONTINUE PERIODICALLY TO MONITOR PROGRESS OF NEW MUNICH AIRPORT. PLEASE ADVISE IF AND AS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ARISE IN WASHINGTON.
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